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MIRCEA CAPATINA-RATA

Based on available information and investigation to date, Mircea Capatina-Rata, Second Secretary, Romanian Embassy, Washington, D.C., is known to be affiliated with the Romanian Intelligence Service "Securitate".

May 6, 1975

CG T-1, who has furnished reliable information in the past, reported that Capatina arrived in Chicago, Illinois at 8:52 A.M. aboard TWA flight 237 from Washington, D.C. This source reported that Capatina accompanied Romanian Ambassador Corneliu Bogdan who was scheduled to speak before the Chicago Rotary Club at the La Salle Hotel in Chicago, Illinois.

CG T-2, who has furnished reliable information in the past, reported that Capatina arrived at the La Salle Hotel just before 10:00 A.M. and checked into Room 1537. At this time, Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) observed Capatina to be in the company of Romanian Commercial Office Chief Teodor Munteanu and to accompany Munteanu to the Romanian Commercial Office located at 100 West Monroe Street, Chicago, Illinois.

Based on available information and investigation, Munteanu is suspected of being affiliated with the Romanian Intelligence Service.

At approximately 11:30 A.M., Capatina was observed by Special Agents to be walking east on Madison Street to Michigan Avenue where he proceeded south to the Chicago Art Institute. After approximately two hours, Capatina was

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observed to meet John Tolcea, a United States citizen of Romanian background, age 65, who resides in Chicago, Illinois. They proceeded together to the Palmer Pub located in the Palmer House Hotel where they dined and talked for approximately two hours.

Together they departed this restaurant and after returning together to the La Salle Hotel, Capatina was observed to hand Tolcea a small package whereupon he departed and returned to his residence at 3515 North Sheffield.

CG T-3, who has furnished reliable information in the past, reported that it was learned from Tolcea that during the above meeting, Capatina again urged Tolcea to travel to Madrid, Spain for the purpose of meeting with individuals who make up the exiled leadership of the Legionnaire Movement of the Romanian Iron Guard.

The Romanian Iron Guard was a political movement found after World War I for the purpose of strengthening unstable economic conditions, eliminating semitic and foreign influence, achieving educational reform, boycotting large industrial and governmental interests, and promoting interests of the peasantry. The movement was Pro-monarchy, Pro-German, and Anti-communist and was active in the 1930's to the mid 1940's when the Pro-nazi regime was ousted by the communists. The leadership of this organization presently resides in exile in Madrid Spain.

CG T-3 reported that according to Tolcea, Capatina indicated that Horia Sima and George Costea, two exiled Legionnaires are currently involved in anti-Romanian Communist propaganda. Capatina reportedly told Tolcea that the Romanian Government would like to mend the ideological split which exists between the Legionnaires and the Communists and join forces in a united pro-Romanian front. Capatina reportedly told Tolcea that Romania is still a bitter enemy of the Soviet Union and that the

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Soviets have been agitating non-Romanian minorities who live in the country to work against Romanian President Nicolae Ceausescu.

According to CG T-3, Capatina instructed Tolcea that if he should travel to Spain, he should inform the Legionnaire leaders that the Romanian Government would welcome them back and hope that they could put their political feelings aside and work for the common good of Romania. Capatina reportedly stressed the fact that although the Romanian Government is a Communist regime, they are closer to a socialistic society as opposed to the "harsh Soviet-type Communism" that existed in Romania in the years immediately after World War II.

CG T-3 reported that Capatina also made mention of the fact that he and Romanian Ambassador Bogdan do not get along and according to this source, Capatina reportedly slandered Bogdan accusing him of not being a "true Romanian", stating that Capatina is of Romanian-Jewish extraction. According to this source, Capatina attempted to give the impression that he was on a level of importance at the Embassy equal to the position of Ambassador. REACTIVELY ON RAB T-3
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CG T-3 stated that according to Tolcea, Capatina gave him two bottles of Romanian wine and two bottles of whiskey and indicated that he would again visit him sometime in the next two or three months.

At approximately 8:00 P.M., Special Agents of the FBI observed Capatina to be met at the La Salle Hotel by John N. Popescu, President of the Union and League of Romanian Societies of America (ULRBA) who resides at 5458 West Hutchinson, Chicago, Illinois. L. J. ...

On May 7, 1975, CG T-4, who has furnished reliable information in the past, reported that it was learned from Popescu that he and his wife picked up Capatina at the La Salle Hotel and took him to their residence. Capatina reportedly was very pleased to visit with the Popescus and presented Mrs. Popescu with two bottles of Romanian wine.

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CG T-4 reported that according to Popescu, Capatina discussed the problems of securing permission for emigration for Alexia Varcol, husband of Doina Varcol, who is identified as the daughter of the late Vasile Posteuca, a renown Romanian poet and anti-Communist who died in Chicago approximately two years ago. Since the time of Posteuca's death, his daughter has been unsuccessful in her many contacts with the Romanian Government to secure the release of her husband. Her difficulties in this matter have become a "cause celebre" of Popescu and the Union and League.

CG T-4 reported that Capatina initially told Popescu that Varcol might be allowed to leave Romania as early as the Fall of 1975, however, when Popescu appeared dissatisfied with this delay, Capatina told him that a favorable decision could be reached within a month. Capatina reportedly told Popescu that Varcol and her mother would not have to renounce their Romanian citizenship and that they would suffer no financial expense.

CG T-4 reported that Capatina urged Popescu to travel to Romania sometime in the near future to visit Romanian President Nicolae Ceausescu stating that such a trip by Popescu would show solidarity between Romanians living in America and the Romanian Communist regime. Source stated that Popescu replied that such travel would have to get the approval of the Executive Board of the Union and League due to his current position as President of that organization.

CG T-4 stated that Capatina spoke patronizingly to Popescu stating that "The Embassy" had erred in the past in their dealing with Popescu, specifically mentioning the Romanian Embassy's attitudes toward George Coman, a Cleveland attorney, and George Roman, former editor of "America", the official newspaper of the Union and League. Capatina was aware that Roman and Coman had previous and serious disagreements with Popescu and that Popescu had fired Coman approximately one year ago and relieved Roman of his duties as editor of "America".

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Capatina then praised Romanian Orthodox Bishop Valerian Trifa stating that recent attacks and allegations against Trifa are the work of "uncontrollable Jews". This source reported that according to Popescu, Capatina stated that Romanian Ambassador Bogdan is a Romanian Jew and therefore not "a pure Romanian". Capatina gave the impression that he dislikes Bogdan for this reason and appeared to be attempting to gain Popescu's favor by making such statements.

CG T-4 reported that Capatina returned to the La Salle Hotel at approximately 11:00 P.M.

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At approximately 9:00 A.M., Special Agents of the FBI observed Mircea Capatina-Rata to be met in the lobby of the La Salle Hotel by an individual identified as Theodor Gotis, an ordained Romanian Orthodox priest who currently resides in Chicago, Illinois. Capatina and Gotis proceeded to the coffee shop in the La Salle Hotel where they dined and talked for approximately two hours.

Gotis is described as a white male, date of birth June 10, 1941 at Buteni, Romania who arrived in the United States at New York City on February 5, 1965. Gotis became a naturalized United States citizen on January 2, 1970 at St. Louis, Missouri (Naturalization number 53245).

At approximately 1:00 P.M., Capatina was observed by Special Agents of the FBI to meet Minodora Nemes in the lobby of the La Salle Hotel where they talked for approximately one half hour.

Nemes is identified as a Romanian emigre, age approximately 30, from Caran-Sebes, Romania, who arrived in the United States approximately two years ago as a conditional entrant. Nemes is not married and resides at Apartment 208, 4631 North Paulina Street, Chicago, Illinois.

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CG T-2 reported that Mircea Capatina-Rata checked out of Room 1537 at 5:30 A.M. and according to information available had some time previously placed a telephone call to telephone number 703-521-3256 for a three minute period.

CG T-5, who has furnished reliable information in the past, reported that Capatina boarded TWA Flight 106 which left Chicago at 6:40 A.M. and arrived in Washington, D.C. at 9:18 A.M. Eastern Daylight Time.

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